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Land owners want Dysart at the water's edge

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Dysart et al will get a legal opinion on what the implications will be in retaining authority under the shoreline preservation bylaw.

Steve Stone, Haliburton County's director of planning, provided council during its Sept. 27 regular meeting with an overview of the new bylaw.

And Stone sought authority for the bylaw's implementation be taken away from Dysart and given to the county. Actually, that's how it's to be for all county municipalities with waterfront land.

The bylaw was approved by the county on Aug. 24 and will be in effect April 1, 2023.

The new bylaw includes site alteration regulations pertaining to blasting, filling, and grading in a shoreline area in addition to the existing tree protection regulations. The bylaw applies to the entire county but only affects properties which abut a shoreline or contain a prohibited area.

Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy voted against the new bylaw when it was discussed at the county level.

"I still feel there is quite a few unanswered questions," she said.

A large contingent of waterfront property owners say they're proud Dysart's

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Getting autumn rolling

Children ages 6 to 9 push off their pumpkins down the hill on York Street during the pumpkin rolling contest hosted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton at ColourFest on Saturday, Oct. 1 in Haliburton. See more photos on page 8. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Proposed condos will help address housing needs, says consultant

JAMES MATTHEWS

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Protecting Grass Lake is a major interest of proponents of a contentious condo development in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

But a group of opponents to the project

believe not enough time has been given to ensure sufficient environmental consideration.

Harburn Holdings is seeking zoning bylaw amendments that will allow an application for condominium development on Peninsula Road on Grass Lake.

They're seeking amendments to the county's Official Plan and zoning bylaw

that would pave the way for lot severance and the construction of 88 condominium units.

Dysart's town council held a special meeting Sept. 29 on the issue.

Anthony Usher, a planning consultant representing Harburn Holdings, outlined the proponent's development plans.

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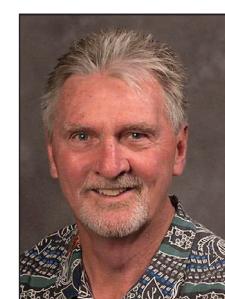
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Ward 2 Jennifer Korpela, Ward 2 candidate



We moved here in July 2017, looking for a small-town community to set down our roots and raise our family. I decided to run in Ward 2 because giving back to the community is something our family values. Listening to the concerns of community members; working head-to-head and heart-to-heart with them is my motivation. The lack of housing in Haliburton is driving many of the issues facing residents. At present, Dysart does not have any plans of a subdivision in the works for regular housing. With the exception of when condos or retirement homes are constructed, seasonal dwellings far outpace house construction. We need to explore mixed housing development opportunities to get on top of this. Some creative thinking will be needed to address this issue. I commit to represent Ward 2 with honesty, openness, approachability, integrity, and common sense. Our community deserves effective governance: A council that makes decisions based on facts not fear, on information not hearsay, for the greater good, not the loudest few. Doing research, asking questions, evaluating opinions and making well-informed, sensible decisions. For more information, please visit my website at jenniferkorpela.ca.

Daniel Roberts, Ward 2 candidate



I grew up and went to school in Haliburton. I left as a teen to pursue a hockey career. That turned into a business career. Over the past nearly 20 years in a senior executive position running a subsidiary to a U.S. multi-national corporation, I had the experience of sitting on a board or two. During most of those years I had a cottage/second home in Haliburton and maintained my roots and friends in the area. Haliburton has always been home. A number of friends had asked me if I would consider running in the election. They were aware I keep informed and they felt my business and management background, business travel, and general interest in being involved would serve me well. Housing is a major issue in Haliburton and in Ontario as well. It's next to impossible to get labour if there's nowhere to live. Add the shortage of doctors and medical workers to the list and getting those who want to work a living wage. The list is long and there's a lot on the plate for the next four years. There's not one specific thing that determined me being a candidate. However, I am tired of being at the bottom of the poor list as a county. I think we would all agree that needs to change.

Nancy Wood-Roberts, Ward 2 incumbent



I am a lifelong resident of Dysart. I have spent my adult life caring for and about our community. I am retiring from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services after more than 40 years of front-line service. I am a seasoned municipal councillor, having 14 years of local government experience. Dysart is growing and experienced leadership is more important than ever. The social, economic, and environmental health of our community depends on sensible pragmatic decision making.

One of the most important issues facing residents of Dysart is housing. There is a housing crisis with a lack of both affordable and available housing. This is

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pushing young people, families, and essential workers out of our community. I support sustainable, safe housing development. Lobbying for federal and provincial funding and looking for any opportunity to improve housing in our community, whether it be partnerships with not-for-profits, other levels of government, or the private sector.

The last term of council, a strategic plan was developed. Implementing the plan means making investments in the things that matter to residents, such as access to broadband, safe roads, and infrastructure. The plan has measurable indicators for the goal to improve service delivery, quality of life, and infrastructure in our community.

I am proud of the strategic plan developed with input from all staff and want to implement its vision.

Ward 4

Brian Atkins, Ward 4 candidate



I'm a lifelong cottager and, in 2015, I bought on Kennisis Lake.

In addition to the usual concerns like spending priorities and delivering good value for your tax dollar, we saw firsthand this year with the shoreline preservation bylaw what can happen when elected officials don't listen and proceed independently of their constituents. The bylaw is only one of the issues affecting Dysart taxpayers. We can't afford to continue letting our critical infrastructure deteriorate, as any of you that regularly drive on Dysart roads know only too well. We need to continue making strate-

gic investments in order to attract top talent to the municipality. We also need to ensure that health care spending and strategic priorities reflect our changing needs.

Internet and cellphone coverage is inconsistent and sporadic. It needs to be improved and expanded in order to attract new residents and businesses. Dysart needs to ensure tax levels remain reasonable, deliver good value, and reflect the priorities of its residents, particularly the waterfront property owners who represent 70 per cent of Dysart's tax revenues.

As one of the founding members of the Haliburton Waterfront Owners Association, and as your next Ward 4 councillor in Dysart, I will promote doing what we can to rescind or minimize the negative impacts of this flawed shoreline legislation.

Ron Evans, Ward 4 candidate



My family moved to Haliburton County in the mid 1980s. I came back and forth between here and where I work took me until I finally moved full time here in 2009. I'm currently the vice-chair of the board of directors of Canoe FM and a past-president as well as a 12-year volunteer on-air host. I am already a member of Dysart's government operations as the media representative on our Cultural Resource Committee since March 2021. I have 38 years of experience working with government, and political and community organizations. I believe my experience and expertise makes me the best candidate to bring steady and knowledgeable stewardship to Ward 4.

I am not a one-dimensional, single-issue candidate. I'm here to open the lines of communication, get people talking again. I'm sickened by the anger, divisiveness and selfishness of the current political climate.

The most important issue facing local residents is our infrastructure. There will always be the day-to-day issues such as roads, snow removal, and connectivity (internet/cell service). But there is also our social and human infrastructure: housing, health care, employment, senior and youth services, and the environment.

Long-term projects include looking at the feasibility of establishing a trades college in Haliburton County and creating a Water Bill of Rights to protect the county's groundwater supplies from predatory large corporations.

Carm Sawyer, candidate for Ward 4



I have been a resident of West Guilford my entire life. I am a local, but I equally support both the locals and the cottagers. The local residents of Dysart have a vested interest in our community, just as our cottagers do. I respect and appreciate both segments of our community and will work diligently to address the concerns of all parties to the best of my ability. I want to make Dysart a better community for all. I am not a radical or an extremist. I take a common-sense approach to most everything in life.

I have been actively involved in our community for the past 15 years as vice-president of the West Guilford Commu-

nity Centre, overseeing the largest annual fundraiser, the SnowShuffle, which keeps the centre open for the community.

One of the issues that concerns me is the shoreline preservation bylaw. Now that it's passed, I believe it needs to be revamped to address costing issues for the taxpayers and to address some of the research and concerns of residents. This shoreline bylaw isn't in the best interest of everyone. A new council should attempt to adopt a resolution that works adequately for all parties involved.

Hayden Hughes, Ward 4 candidate



I've lived in Haliburton County about a year and a half. I'm a new homeowner, but I have been a long-time renter in the area. I decided to put my name on the Oct. 24 municipal election ballot because I wanted to make a positive change in politics and to contribute to my community through participation on council. You can't complain about things if you don't plan on doing something about it. That's what I believe. The most important issue facing residents is health care, or the lack thereof, and the impending staff shortages of health care professionals we could face this winter. The main election plank on my platform is housing. We need affordable housing in Dysart and the county as a whole. We need available housing to draw people to the area to contribute to the workforce. Everything comes back to housing from the cost of living to inventory of housing in the community.

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Here are your Highlands East candidates in the Oct. 24 municipal election. Cam McKenzie was acclaimed to the Ward 1 seat. Cecil Ryall was acclaimed Ward 3 councillor. Ruth Strong was awarded the seat in Ward 4 by acclamation. Residents will choose their mayor and Ward 2 representative when they mark their ballots.

Cheryl Ellis, mayoral candidate



I am the fifth generation Haliburton County resident. I still live on the land my parents purchased to raise their family. This is the second time I have joined the race for mayor. I waited until the last week to hand in my nomination, just in case someone with more council knowledge decided to come forward.

I don't believe there is only one important issue. I cannot assume I know what is the most pressing problems or speak to how they could be fixed at this time. If elected, my job would be to serve the community and this would be the time I would hear from the community and work toward solving the problems presented.

I am ready to listen to the residents and work with council to move forward in any way that benefits our community. I will commit to searching for ways to improve our use of tax dollars, push for our share of affordable housing, and search for every federal and provincial grant available to us.

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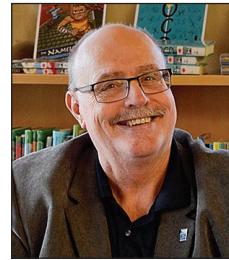


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Dave Burton, incumbent mayoral candidate



I have been a part of the Highlands East community for over two decades as a business owner and operator. Much of my time in Haliburton County has been spent as reeve/mayor of Highlands East, helping to build this community. I have been warden of Haliburton County for three terms and chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

Working as chair of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) for eight years, we were able to bring more than \$200-million to help improve our internet so more than 90 per cent of the people have an internet connection. In addition, EORN is bringing in a better cellular system with more than \$300-million invested by all levels of government, including private placement in eastern Ontario.

Highlands East residents need a strong, experienced, and informed mayor.

We are facing challenges. These include finding a permanent doctor for our community, better cellphone and internet services, a lack of affordable housing, and infrastructure improvements. My experience will be invaluable in dealing with these issues. I have worked tirelessly to strengthen local health care services. I am working

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toward finding equitable solutions for affordable housing. I have a proven record of standing up for the residents of Highland East by providing experienced leadership. I am working to create good jobs, find solutions for our core housing needs, as well as advocating for health care.

Janice Dahms, Ward 2 councillor



I moved with my family to Wilberforce in 1987, first as a cottager and then in 1997 as a full-time resident. I believe that the best way to become a part of a community is to get involved and I want to give back to the community that has given me so much. The most important issue facing the county is affordable housing. Many people are in dire need of housing or are under-housed or at risk of homelessness. We need to work to find creative ways to ensure all residents have a place to call home.

Environmental preservation is the main plank of my election platform. It is vital to protect our lakes and shorelines. Our lakes are a desired location to live, they promote essential tourism, and offer so much recreation. Any future development of our lakes must protect the unique environmental features that make Highlands East so special.

Angela Lewis, Ward 2 councillor



I'm Angela Lewis, running for councillor in Ward 2 in Highland East. My husband and I are lifetime residents of Highland Grove. Both our children grew up here and went to Cardiff Elementary School. Each hamlet is unique in its history and generations of family heritage. I went to the Cardiff school when the mines were still open. I know families that went to Highland Grove Community Centre when it was a one-room schoolhouse.

Among the top priorities is a need for affordable housing and short-term accommodations, and a walk-in medical clinic. Short-term accommodations are lucrative businesses that can be licensed and taxed as any other resort or motel. We also need to utilize our community centres for educational programming. I've been fortunate to be able to raise children here. My husband started his own business 30 years ago. Our children have families of their own and live in other communities near to us. To keep young families here, they need full-time jobs and small business incentives.

I want my grandchildren, your children, and you to be able to enjoy the same amenities and opportunities that I did. Ward 2, I will be our voice.

Eligible candidates were contacted for profile photos and copy and those who responded by the deadline are included here.

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Education will ensure lake health, says group

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representatives on county council voted against the bylaw in August.

"We urge Dysart et al council to reject delegation of authority for site alteration (under Section 142 (3) of the Municipal Act) at this time," the Haliburton Waterfront Owners said in its letter to council.

The collection of Dysart residents who belong to the group sent town council a detailed letter outlining why the municipality should maintain its authority in the face of the new bylaw.

The group is comprised of more than 300 waterfront residential properties in Dysart and more than 200 owners of waterfront property elsewhere in the Haliburton County.

According to the group's letter to council, the shoreline preservation bylaw has spurred concern over the last 18 months among many waterfront property owners about the delegation of authority for site alteration from the municipality to the county.

The Haliburton Waterfront Owners grew out of those efforts. Members of the groups recognized common concerns and hoped that, by working together, their input would have more weight.

Now the group boasts members on Bitter Lake, Drag Lake, Grass Lake, Haliburton Lake, Lake Kashagawigamog, Kennisis Lake, Little Kennisis Lake, Miskwabi Lake, Pelaw Lake, Pine Lake, Redstone Lake, Tedious Lake, and lakes in the other lower-tier municipalities.

"Few Haliburton property owners are more concerned about or have a greater investment in the health of our lakes than we do," the group wrote in its letter dated Sept. 19.

The best way to ensure lake health is to educate property owners on the value of natural shorelines and the risks of malfunctioning septic systems and fertilizers near lakes.

The effort to ensure healthy lakes isn't served by "cumbersome regulations." And the bylaw is not yet ready and not yet right, the group's letter read.

The bylaw is an issue under active discussion among candidates in the current municipal election campaign period. Property owners believe the bylaw is marred by numerous flaws and uncertainties and that could yield undesirable results.

"Voters should be allowed to have their say on this and other election issues in their choice of elected representatives," the collective said.

They say the bylaw will do nothing to restore compromised shoreline. Waterfront property owners should be encouraged to re-naturalize as much of their shorelines as possible and municipalities should make available information on how to do so.

A property owner who owns their shoreline road allowance with a level lot that was cleared prior to the bylaw could pave the entire width of their lot for 20 meters above the high-water mark.

"We presume that even the strongest advocates of the shoreline bylaw would not find this acceptable," the letter states.

A local municipality has jurisdiction over road allowances. Over time, with the tacit approval of lower-tier municipalities and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests, adjacent property owners have been allowed to use these lands essentially as their own.

But the new county bylaw makes shoreline road allowances owned by the municipality Prohibited Areas where no person may remove native vegetation or a tree or undertake any site alteration without a permit.

"Thus it may be that a property owner who does not own the shoreline road allowance but previously cleared a small path to the waterfront through the shoreline road allowance may now not be allowed to the natural vegetation growing on this path without applying to the county or lower-tier municipality for a permit.

In their lengthy missive to Dysart council, which can be read along with other agenda items on the municipality's website, the Haliburton Waterfront Owners state a well-researched case as to why towns should maintain authority over their lakefront land.

"In being asked to delegate authority for this bylaw, Dysart is effectively being asked to cede control over its shoreline road allowances (except for building permits, or the sale of the road allowances but not how they are used/managed/cared for)," the group said.

"This will alter long-standing practices and understandings with property owners and will likely require new processes at the lower-tier level."

Timing left little room to review info: condo opponent

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After about five hours, councillors voted to kick the issue up the ladder to the county level. Haliburton County will decide if its Official Plan should be amended to allow the development.

"We've all been discussing this for a long, long time," said Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts. "I think the planner has answered all the concerns."

She said moving ahead with the issue is forward-thinking and the project will be a long time in the works before it comes to fruition.

"We're not (a) council against the town," Roberts said. "I live here. We all live here."

The development is proposed for a parcel of land that has frontage onto both County Road 21, which has higher-density land uses, Peninsula Road, which is predominantly low-density development, and Grass Lake.

Kris Orsan, Dysart's senior planner, wrote in a staff report to council that the proposal is generally consistent with the Provincial Policy, Municipal Official Plan, and represents good planning.

"If council considers the application, the recommendation included at the top of the report may be appropriate," Orsan wrote.

And that was a recommendation for the "approval of the proposed bylaw, subject to the approval of the Official Plan amendment."

The proposed development has generated much interest among residents.

Orsan said municipal staff has received 11 letters of support for the condo development, 14 letters of concern, 15 objections, and a petition with the signatures of 912 area residents.

His presentation to council described some of the reasons for people's objections. Concerns such as increased noise and light pollution at Grass Lake. Eighty-eight condos would leave a larger footprint than about a dozen cottages in the area.

Some supporters of the project cite the town's need for housing and local businesses' need for staff, which would require housing, as cause to allow the bylaw amendments.

Usher said there's a serious permanent housing shortage in Haliburton Village and Haliburton. And the condo development will go toward alleviating need.

"This proposal will provide over time up to 88 medium density housing units," he said. "This is a sorely needed housing type. Eighty-eight medium density units will be 38 per cent of the municipality's target to provide over the next number of years."

"There will definitely be opportunities for affordable housing."

Much of the opposition has been borne of environmen-

tal concerns. Some residents want to ensure the integrity of Grass Lake and nearby wetlands is protected. They're worried fish habitat and that of various bird species will be compromised.

Usher said the proposed work includes 30-metre setbacks in which the existing forest and wetlands will be protected. More than two-thirds of the present forest will be retained and as much of the open areas will be "re-naturalized," he said.

Trees and shrubs will be planted to kick-start reforestation.

"The natural environment, including protection of Grass Lake, has been the leading consideration in proposing development of these lands," he said.

"The natural environment has been properly considered and will receive a high level of protection with this development."

Jeff Iles, the town's director of planning, said all wetland areas are to be defined as protected environment. And there's no filling proposed by the applicant.

Marni Saunders is a land use planner with D.M. Wills, a professional planning firm representing Friends of Grass Lake, which is a group of residents opposed to the development. They collected the 912 signatures on two petitions against the project.

Saunders said Haliburton County has yet to approve changes to its Official Plan that would allow the development to proceed. That means it's premature for Dysart to amend its bylaws and change zoning from Environmental Protection to Suburban Residential and Highway Commercial.

Saunders said Orsan's staff report recommending approval was compiled Sept. 26 for a council meeting three days later. That left little time for council and the public to review its information, draft bylaws, and its recommendations.

And, she said, scheduling the public meeting on the same day as a special council meeting to make a recommendation on the application doesn't give enough time for council, staff, or the applicant to hear the public's concerns.

"It's also not standard practice in the planning approval process for that reason," Saunders said.

Dysart council's recommendation on Harburn Holdings' application should be deferred until county council makes a decision on how the proposed condo development fits into its Official Plan, she said.

"Public meetings are generally held outside of business hours. The Grass Lake resident group ... feel that the accessibility to this meeting is not necessarily appropriate."

And, she said, other residents without internet access wouldn't have been able to take part in a virtual meeting.

As to the meeting's timing and having it online, Roberts

said the provincial government allows virtual meetings. And, she said, given people can submit written comments about an agenda item, there is no issue with amount of notice given.

Iles acknowledged that an amended municipal zoning bylaw can't be approved until the Official Plan is approved by Haliburton County. Staff are merely recommending a new bylaw be supported based on information provided to date.

For public comments that can't be addressed by staff or the project applicant, Iles said a deferral would perhaps be a good idea.

The county has told the municipality that traffic concerns will be addressed at that level.

"Storm water management, we feel, would be more appropriately addressed at time of development," he said. "Development will not proceed until storm water management is addressed."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Every day there is truth, but not reconciliation

A WALK IN the woods always leaves me feeling free. Free from stress. Free from the daily grind of life. Just free. Thousands of children didn't feel this freedom when they were often forcibly taken from their homes by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and taken to residential schools across the country, which were sometimes thousands of kilometres from where they were from. They endured humiliation and shame for speaking their language or how they dressed. They were told to ignore their past, their culture, their lives. It was always known and suspected by their families who never saw their loved ones again that the fate of some children was dire.

To date, there's an estimate of more than 1,900 bodies (mostly children) have been discovered at the sites of unmarked graves and burial sites near residential schools in Canada. The idea leaves many unknown to this instituted tragedy in disbelief.

The objective behind the residential schools was to "take the Indian out of the child" to quote Sir John A. Macdonald, who was prime minister at the time the schools started. At that time it was known as assimilation and was carried out with an intention to improve lives, which was far from it. Such intentions steeped in ignorance and arrogance. Now we would perceive this kind of action as cultural genocide. However, it was always wrong.

Canada observed the Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30

Truth and Reconciliation is more than a day. It's more than wearing an orange T-shirt. It's more than hashtags posted to social media platforms. It's a recognition of past tragedies that have present day and future repercussions - generational trauma. It goes beyond the single National Day for Truth and



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Editorial

the darkness. One person can't make all the difference, but one person can move the proverbial needle forward with learning and being open to listening and it's a start and that's worth being part of for a brighter future for everyone.

Former residential school students can call 1-866-925-4419 for emotional crisis referral services and information on other health supports from the Government of Canada.

Indigenous peoples across Canada can also go to The Hope for Wellness Help Line 24 hours a day, seven days a week for counseling and crisis intervention. Call the toll-free Help Line at 1-855-242-3310. Here's a link (nctr.ca) to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for more information.

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Loon Lake sun

by Darren Lum

Looking back

AT FIRST she couldn't move. Crowded into the bed with her sisters, three heads on two pillows and one small body stretched out at their feet made for little room. All Monika could do was lie where she was and slowly come awake. Sun streamed in through the east-facing window, its old wavy glass sparkling with optimism at the new day.

It was the annual fall weekend at the farm and Monika could hardly wait for the day to begin. When they arrived yesterday the old log house was cold and unfriendly. Its windows stared blankly as the car drove up the laneway. Stepping first into the kitchen had felt like walking into a tomb: cold, silent and dark. However, once the cotton curtains were pushed open and a fire started in the cookstove, the place took on a more welcoming atmosphere. By the time they sat down to dinner later, it was cozy and warm.

It took no convincing for Monika and her sisters to find something to do outside. With 100 acres of fields and bush, even the most energetic youngster never ran out of things to do and places to explore. This is where an imagination came in handy.

The cedar bush became an undiscovered hideout, the fencing in place to keep wild horses from escaping and the ancient rusting plough abandoned beside the barn came alive on Halloween. And the barn, with its straw up top and stalls below was overflowing with possibilities for young minds.

The orchard always beckoned. Several different types of apple trees had been planted by Monika's great grandparents. They produced Snow, Russet and Crabapple, fruit she seldom saw in the stores as an adult. There would be apples galore to gather for her mother and if they were lucky, an apple pie tonight. The rest would become apple sauce.

The huge maple at the side of the

house had turned scarlet. Monika liked to sit on the swing her father had tied onto a low branch. She'd pump her legs to get some height and then lean back, looking up through the colourful leaves as the sun wove in and out above her head. When she did this, she felt as though all things were possible.

At noon, they all came in for a pea soup and bologna sandwiches lunch, gulping it down so they could get back outside. Food tasted extra good at the farm. While her father repaired the fence circling the house, her mother laid the old quilts across the rails to air in the sunshine and gentle breeze. For there was always wind at the farm: sometimes gentle, causing the alfalfa to ripple like water or strong, bending it to the ground while whipping the maple tree's swing furiously.

Once the shadows drew longer in the yard, it was time for dinner. Beef stew that had simmered all afternoon on the range, combined with tea biscuits and corn on the cob made for a satisfying meal for the rosy-cheeked crew. And not to forget the apple pie for dessert.

Then it was outside for one last romp in the semi-dark. Sometimes

they'd play the scary game where Monika's father would hide then jump out at them from the shadows. The girls would shriek in delight, startled but not really scared.

By then her mother had got a good fire going in the front room. This was the last place Monika and her sisters would gather before bedtime. A ghost story, complete with sound effects, ensured no one got out of bed in the middle of the night unless it was a desperate need for the chamber pot.

Then squished once again into the small, lumpy bed, the last thing Monika heard as she drifted off to sleep was her parents voices in the front room, soft, low and peaceful.

Down



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Our road

points of view

Hard to digest

LAST WEEK I was away twice – once on a duck hunting weekend and once on an end-of-season brook trout fishing canoe trip in Algonquin Park. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, I was unable to take my dog Rosie with me on either trip. Luckily, she was left under Jenn's capable care.

But when I returned from the first excursion, something was amiss.

"Rosie moped a lot," Jenn said. "Also, I think she got into something, because she had "digestive issues." Then Jenn gave me a look that told me exactly what that meant.

The next day however, while shoveling up after my pup, I noticed Rosie was back to her regular self.

I didn't think much more of this, until I returned from the second excursion. That's when Jenn reported the same thing. Apparently, Rosie's "digestive issues" began almost immediately after I left. And, once again, she started producing a healthier looking output shortly after I returned.

That's when I finally realized what was going on. Rosie missed me. After all, she developed digestive issues when I was gone. And her digestion immediately got better after I returned. Which, interestingly, is the opposite of how I affect most people.

Frankly, I was flattered.

But then I started thinking that my time away might have had other unintended consequences too.

"Jenn," I said, later that evening, "so how were you feeling when I was gone?"

"Fine," she said nervously.

"Any digestive issues I should

know about?" I asked.

She looked at me with a look that hinted she had, or was currently, experiencing digestive issues.

"Do not utter another word about this," she snapped.

"Well, at least you are probably feeling better now," I said.

She shook her head and left. Classic Jenn. She has never been one to talk about her feelings – or digestive issues, apparently.

Still, a fellow knows these things.

I couldn't help but feel bad for both her and Rosie. I mean it couldn't have been easy for either of them or their digestive systems, to miss me as much as they clearly had.

"Steve," she said later, "you're not going to write about this in your column right? Because I did not have any digestive issues when you were gone. Everything was just fine. I can't believe I even have to clarify this."

"No," I said. "I will not write about it. How desperate do you think I am for column material?"

Of course, Jenn is one of the most honest people I know, so I had to take her word for it. Yet, I felt like I might have offended her by insinuating that her digestive system was vulnerable to high levels of emotional distress. I knew I had to do something to make it up to her. The situation required some grand romantic gesture that she could tell her friends about, and fondly recall as our years together grew long.

So, that night, I looked her straight in the eyes and said, "I frequently have digestive issues when you're gone. And I'm not just saying that ..."

Rosie chose that moment to walk into the room and looked somewhat hurt when she heard what I was telling Jenn. Which is why I repeated it to Rosie as well.

For her part, Jenn shook her head. I suppose because she is uncomfortable with over-the-top outward displays of emotion.

Between you and me, she doesn't have the intestinal fortitude.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

The Walling's family of patriarch, Sam, far left, with children Ruby, Stephen, Lester, Evelyne, Sidney and matriarch, Alice sit for a portrait. The Walling's farm is now subdivision (Halbiem Crescent, etc.). Sam 1865 to 1949 married in 1903 to Alice Dummitt (1878 to 1921). We do not have much information on the children, other than Lester lived from 1907 to 1989 and Stephen lived from 1911 to 2004. Sam had a successful farm and was the founder of Walling's Dairy around 1925. In his old age, he divided his assets. Lester took over the dairy and Stephen took over the farm. Stephen sold the farm to Curry Bishop and Bill Emerson in 1966. At this time Walling's Dairy ceased processing milk and chose to franchise with Silverwood's Dairy in Peterborough, thus ending a long-time Haliburton tradition.

/Submitted by Stephen Hill of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

An update 15 years in the making

In November 2007 the *Echo* published an article on my work in Honduras. Due to current Haliburton interest in my memoir, *I've Worn Many Hats*, I thought readers might be interested in an update on our programs in 2022! Wow, 15 years later, so much more has been accomplished. The Healthy Living Education Program phase two established by Dr. Bill Kerr of Minden is now in its 14th year and continues to provide free dental care to the children of Grades 3 to 6. Two teams led by Dr. Kerr and Dr. Michael Cusato, along with their talented hygienists, have been providing annual care to the children of El Porvenir and surrounding area. This is care that these children would not have otherwise received.

Although *I've Worn Many Hats* second half is devoted to stories about my Honduran adventures and programs, I will mention here projects that we established and are still running.

- PEP (Porvenir English Program) began by providing free English lessons to El Porvenir's children and later to the adults. It has now expanded to teach computer skills, reading comprehension, art and so much more.

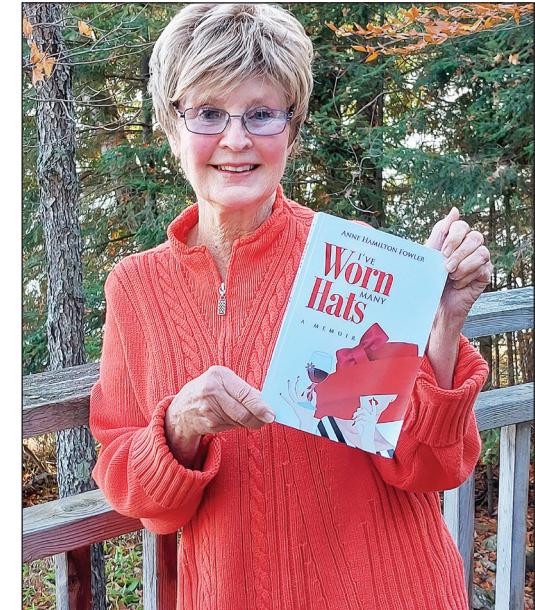
- The Anne Fowler Bilingual School is a government approved private school for kindergarten through Grade 6 that is highly regarded for its academic excellence

- We built two school libraries. One for the high school and the other in an elementary school.

- These are the two new projects that will start this year.

- A mobile library, the Bookmobile. El Porvenir has no public library or book stores. It's a hole that limits the amount of recreational reading anyone can do, both children and adults. This is a joint project with the organization who has supplied our PEP international volunteer teachers over the years. We are hoping to get it going by February, although that may be optimistic! We HAVE purchased the vehicle, which is being adapted and modified for our purposes. See enclosed picture.

- Stories from our volunteers: I so enjoyed writing my memoir that when asked if I



Anne Fowler provides an update after 15 years. / Submitted by Michael Norris

would put together an account of our international volunteer's tales of adventure, I agreed to tackle the project. I am compiling a book with some of those adventures; memorable exploits that our volunteers experienced during their time in Honduras as written in their own words. Recollections that are humorous, tragic, inspirational, maybe slightly X-rated/outrageous or perhaps a little of each?! Since I was there for many of these stories, my lips are sealed if they choose to use a pseudonym! This will be a fund raiser to assist in getting the Bookmobile on the road.

So as you can see 2022/2023 will be a busy six months!

Submitted by Anne Hamilton Fowler
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Autumn smiles

Children ages 6 to 9 push off their pumpkins down the hill on York Street during the pumpkin rolling contest hosted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton at ColourFest on Saturday, Oct. 1 in Haliburton. The event, put on by the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Haliburton BIA, returned for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and featured booths with games, inflatable activities, free hot dogs, face painting, a scarecrow decorating contest, and a pumpkin rolling contest. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Children ages 10 to 13 watch their pumpkins roll down York Street.



A family celebrates a bullseye at the inflatable axe throwing game.



Members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club posed in the ColourFest photo booth.



Eva Gifford, age 5, smiles at Pockets the Face Painter.



Sisters Maisey and Audrey completed crafts with fall leaves at the Haliburton County Public Library booth at ColourFest.

School workers vote to strike; government says move will hurt families

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The union representing Ontario's educational support workers believes possible labour action would ensure quality education, but government says any work stoppage will be a strike against families.

In what's being dubbed by the Canadian Union of Public Employees to be an historic vote, as many as 43,821 frontline education workers, or 96.5 per cent of those who voted between Sept. 23 and Oct. 2, are in favour of a strike.

The union's wage proposal is an increase of \$3.25 per hour each year in a three-year collective agreement. The Ford government's offer was just 33 cents to 53 cents an hour – the equivalent of the cost of less than one tank of gas per month.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said the strike vote wasn't a surprise. And, he said, any labour dispute will hurt kids and disrupt families.

"While these results are not surprising given that education unions have voted to hold strikes against families for nearly five decades, we are still extremely disappointed with the results," he said. "CUPE is charging ahead with a strike while demanding nearly 50 per cent in increased compensation after two difficult years of pandemic disruptions for students."

William Campbell is president of CUPE 997, which represents custodial and maintenance workers, office and clerical technical staff, and educational assistants at Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

He said the board in June laid off 77 people who provide frontline supports for students. To Lecce, he said those students are in families and the workers laid off are part of families.

"Those layoffs were the result of cuts to education funding," Campbell said. "What we're looking for is increasing services, increasing supports for students and, by extension, that would be helping families."

According to the union, the message that's being sent to the Doug Ford government is "education cuts are not acceptable."

Laura Walton, an educational assistant and president

of CUPE's Ontario School Boards Council of Unions (OSBCU), said more frontline staff is urgently needed in schools for students to succeed. And, she said, now is time for a significant pay increase. "Education workers are standing up and saying in one unified voice: we demand better," said Walton. "Workers need a long-overdue raise and students deserve more staff to guarantee services."

The workers' central bargaining committee is calling on the government to resume bargaining on Oct. 6. Walton said the union has forwarded proposals that would settle the current round of contract talks.

Lecce said the union will be leaving behind a reasonable offer that also protects the most generous benefits and pension plan in the country.

"We will continue to remain at the table to make sure kids stay in class without interruption right through to June," the minister said.

Campbell said there are many kids in classes who are not getting the support they need to thrive.

"We're looking for more funding for education so our

members can better support students and, by extension, their families," Campbell said. "Our wages simply have not kept pace."

To illustrate his point, Campbell points to a head custodian who worked for the school board for 33 years.

"He was able to get a job (outside the school board) paying him \$6 an hour more doing essentially the same work in the Haliburton area," he said. "That's incredible when you consider somebody that has 33 years experience can ... get a job off the street for significantly more money."

"The pay rate that education workers have been receiving has just not kept pace with the communities in which we have people working."

"What was a decent paying job 20 years ago simply isn't anymore. As a result, there's a dearth of people willing to be educational support workers. "We're short every day in probably almost all of our schools," Campbell said. "We're short educational assistants every day. We're short custodians every day."

Celebrating bike share

The Haliburton Rotary Bike Share program has come to a close for the season following the need for some mechanical repairs in the bikes. The program was successful with close to 200 bike sign outs within the four week period that the bikes were available to the public, which exceeded expectations. Rotary looks to bring the bikes back out for Easter weekend in 2023, weather permitting. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 English students participated in a blanket exercise to learn about the tragedies Indigenous people endured throughout Canadian history and how it impacts them today. /Photos by Christine Carr



HHSS reflects on Canada's Indigenous history

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Staff Reporter

The impacts of the colonization of Canada on Indigenous culture was brought to light for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with a lesson in perspective.

With Truth and Reconciliation Week held from Monday, Sept. 26 to Friday, Sept. 30 for Canadian schools, the HHSS

students were given unique insight to the plight of Indigenous peoples from the NBE3C course, which is a Grade 11 English course that participated in the "blanket exercise."

HHSS English and French teacher Christine Carr explained the blanket exercise is a way to teach students about the history and impacts of colonialism on Indigenous people in Canada.

Students begin in a circle with blankets in the middle which are meant to represent the land that Indigenous people

resided on in what is now Canada.

"As we go through the activity, blankets are removed, diseases spread, some students are isolated, and many lose their children or traditional items they possess," Carr said. "By the end of the scenario, there are very few students left standing, and many who are left have lost their land, family, and anything important to them."

She said the physical exercise allows students to clearly visualize what happened to Indigenous people when settlers

first arrived in North America.

"At the end of the exercise, everyone shared the impacts of the activity as a group, and many students expressed a greater understanding for the history and culture of Indigenous people," Carr said.

This exercise was led by local Métis person Larry O'Connor and Trillium Lake-lands District School Board Indigenous education curriculum consultant Holly Groome.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 English students participated in a blanket exercise to learn about the tragedies Indigenous people endured throughout Canadian history and how it impacts them today. /Photo by Christine Carr

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to work with HHSS students again.

"I quite enjoyed the young people at the HHSS. This was the second time I have been involved in the blanket exercise at the school, and I have not been disappointed," O'Connor said.

The NBE3C class is an English course that changed their course curriculum this year to include Indigenous texts, so the blanket exercise was an addition to their Indigenous learning.

Carr said the exercise was enlightening for both students and teachers that participated.

"At various points throughout the exercise, students were expressing frustration or anger at things happening to them, and it allowed them to better understand how Indigenous people would have felt," she said.

The HHSS teacher has participated in the activity multiple times, but always finds value and discovers something new each time.

"Seeing it new through the eyes of the students each time helps me appreciate its impact and the depth of history it covers."

The same class created a "story walk" in the forest behind the high school using the book *The Orange Shirt Story* where walkers can read each page and reflect on its message while being in nature.

The story walk was completed with the help of the school's manufacturing class who created metal posts for the pages.

"This type of engagement helps to explain Canada's history of colonization and the negative effects on the Indigenous peoples," O'Connor said. "Hopefully this way of delivering these lessons will carry them forward in their adult life."

Ontario investing nearly \$3 million for annual land ambulance services

Nearly \$764 Million in funding will help municipalities across Ontario with increased costs of land ambulance operations

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$764 million in the province's annual Land Ambulance Service Grant (LASG) to help municipalities facing increased cost pressures in their emergency departments. As part of this funding, Haliburton County will receive \$2,910,510 to support the hiring of additional paramedics, wage and cost of living adjustments and general ambulance services operation to meet the needs of the local community.

"This funding is great news for Haliburton County and will help support residents while improving ambulance availability across the county," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock. "The nearly \$3 million will be used to support the hiring of new paramedics, and various ambulance related operational costs."

Through the LASG, municipalities receive funding for 50 per cent of the costs for their land ambulance operations. This funding is part of the government's commitment to building a modern, sustainable, and connected emergency health system that supports every Ontarian on their health care journey. This also supports the government's work on the Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recov-

ery, to ease pressures on our health care system, hire more health care workers and providing the right care in the right place to Ontarians.

In addition, the Ontario government is also continuing to fund 100 per cent of costs for Central Ambulance Communications Centres (CACCs) to dispatch ambulances, helping to deliver equitable emergency health services to Ontarians across the province.

Quick facts

In 2022, upper-tier municipalities and designated delivery agents are receiving nearly \$764 million in funding from the government, representing an average increase of five per cent provincially compared to 2021 funding levels.

LASG funding is provided on a 50-50 cost share basis with UTM and DDAs and is based on the previous year's council-approved operating budgets. Municipalities and DDAs are responsible for determining the provision and costs of land ambulance services that meet the needs of their community, including appropriate staffing levels.

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Fynnley Mischio sprints to the finish line of the cross-country race for her age category at JD Hodgson Elementary School.

Taking strides

JD Hodgson Elementary School students Callum Merritt and Linus Gervais dashed from the start line during the cross-country meet held at the school on Tuesday, Sept. 27. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Sophia Gooley runs through the forest behind JD Hodgson Elementary School.



Lucas Lawson received a first place medal for his race at the cross-country meet held at JD Hodgson Elementary School.



Stuart Baker Elementary School student Jack Bradley arrives at the finish line after his race.



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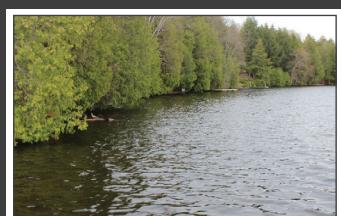
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First field hockey games spark season

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity girls' field hockey team finished their first two games of the season showing the pride of the red.

The team played St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Tuesday, Sept. 27 beating Holy Cross 1-nil and St. Peter 2-nil.

"We are a young team, but they are all very driven and want to excel at getting better," said HHSS field hockey coach Steve Smith.

Smith said the team has two senior players who were instrumental in guiding the team consisting of a majority of new players.

Grade 12 player Ava Allaire is team captain, sharing the leadership role with Sophie Longo and Melanie Walter.

"I feel the team did well at executing plays based on drills we had learned in practice," Allaire said. "For some, it was their first time playing a game, and I feel everyone did well and worked together."

The varsity team is made up of HHSS students from Grades 9 to 12.

It is Allaire's third year playing the game. She lost her fourth year of eligibility due to the postponement of team sports during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

"For our next game, we want to try to work on taking more shots and picking



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field hockey player Lily Manning marks her opponent during the first game of the season held at HHSS against St. Peter Catholic Secondary School from Peterborough. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

up rebounds," she said.
The team is looking forward to the rest

of the season to learn more and improve their skills.

"The girls played well for their first game of the year," Smith said.

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Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery manager David Poirer releases rainbow trout into a holding tank at the hatchery in Haliburton. These fish will be raised and then released to lakes in the Minden and Haliburton area in April. /Photos submitted by Tim Bahr

21,000 rainbow trout arrive at HHOA

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) has received more than 21,000 rainbow trout from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Harwood Fish Culture Station. The two to three inch-long Ganaraska strain rainbow trout will be raised in HHOA hatchery tanks on Gelert Road in Haliburton. In April, the fish will be released into lakes in the Haliburton and Minden area. The HHOA raises and stocks approximately 15,000 lake trout and 20,000 rainbow trout in 20 area lakes every year.

Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and

stocked more than 800,000 fish in local lakes. If you would like to help support the HHOA you can join or donate at HHOA.on.ca. You can also help by playing the HHOA 50/50 monthly raffle at bigcatch5050.ca. Fifty per cent of all monthly proceeds go to one lucky winner. The other 50 per cent supports the fish hatchery, the stocking of area lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs and other HHOA activities that benefit region's outdoors community.

Submitted by HHOA

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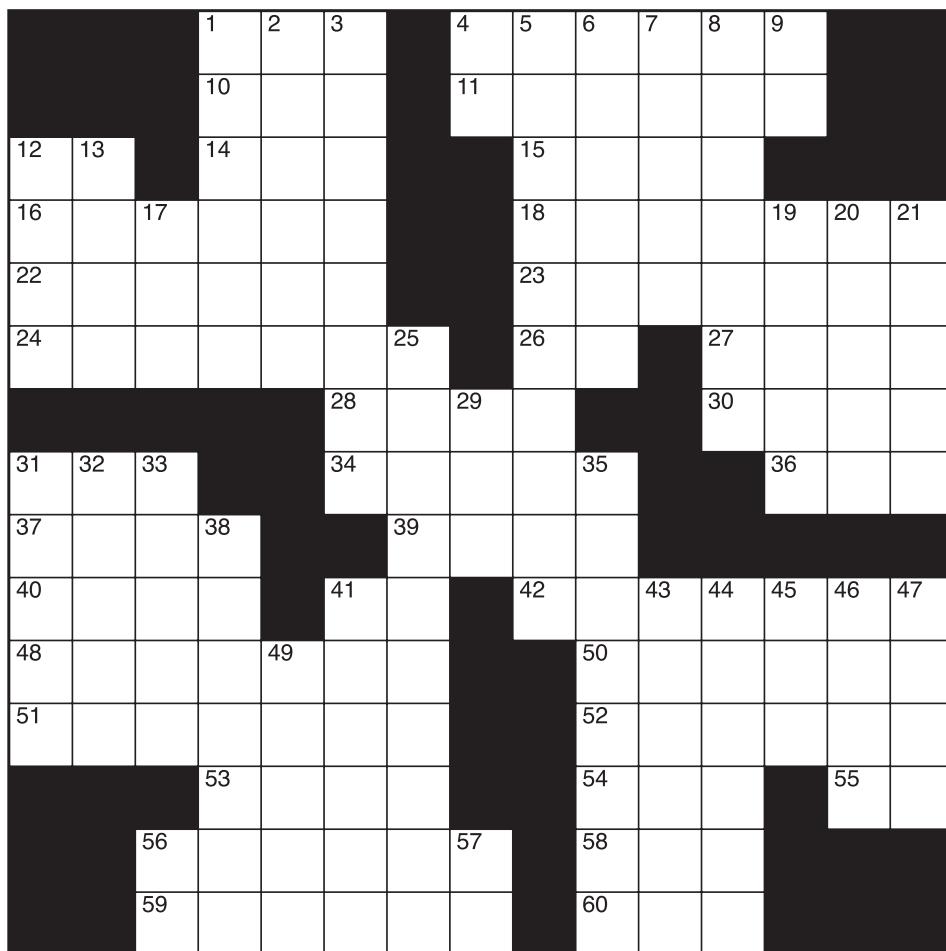
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10. Only
11. "Nothing ventured, nothing __"
12. Lead
14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
15. Indicates the pitch of notes
16. Set up to blame
18. States of rest
22. Complete
23. Be around longer than
24. Instructs
26. Childless (abbr.)
27. Coffee machines do it
28. Bowfin
30. A group separate from established Church
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
34. Mends with a needle
36. When you hope to get there
37. Popular 80's pop duo
39. Beloved Mexican dish
40. Extremely small amount
41. Special therapy
42. Cause to move slowly
48. A person's natural height
50. Elicited
51. Legislator
52. Baking ingredient
53. Sandwich store
54. Peyton's little brother
55. Southeast
56. Popular Mexican beer
58. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

59. Car body manufacturer
60. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless volatile acid
2. A way to tangle
3. Jam rock band devotee
4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
5. Inviolable
6. Collision
7. Clumsy
8. Bends again
9. "Pollock" actor Harris
12. Flew off!
13. Soft creamy white cheese
17. Comedienne Gasteyer
19. Exclamation used for emphasis
20. Expel from one's property
21. Philly transit body
25. Small amount of something
29. Retirement account
31. Holey type of cheese
32. Young pig
33. Climbing palm
35. Discomfort
38. Bullfighter
41. High-level computer language
43. Fleshy extensions above the throat
44. Request
45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
46. Bruce and Spike are two
47. Precipice
49. Wombs
56. A radio band
57. Emphasizes an amount

Answers on page 19



Starting steps

Skyline Dance Studio had their grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 1 at their new studio space below Castle Antiques on Highland Street in Haliburton. The not-for-profit studio features three studio spaces as well as rooms for students to gather and work on school work. Classes will begin Oct. 17, and the studio is still accepting dancer registration. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Coming Full Circle event features voices of experience

A local Substance Use and Mental Health Working Group consisting of several service providers including Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Community Living, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and the CAST Projects are hosting a virtual event for service providers who are interested in listening to the voice of experience about improving community outreach and services. Coming Full Circle: Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges in Haliburton County will be from 9 to 12 p.m. on Oct. 18.

The goals of the event are to learn about best practice approaches from police and health professionals, listen to people with lived experience about how to improve service delivery, and connect with others to support positive change in the community.

Featured speakers include Dr. Pamela Leece, public health physician with the Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention (HPCDIP) department at Public Health Ontario; Ashley Smoke, a First Nations, Ojibwe 2 Spirited person from Alderville First Nations and advocate, researcher, and consultant with lived experience; acting chief Tim Farquharson, a member of the Peterborough Police Service since 1986, Jaymi Hayward, substance use and addictions counsellor and lead educator at Youth Diversion, Kingston, and speakers with lived experience facilitated by the CAST Projects.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and one of the founders of the working group sponsoring the event, said, "Our

aim is to foster a shared understanding of how to approach substance use and mental health that is compassionate and aligned with best practices. Listening, and working in partnership with people with lived experience of these challenges is key to making well-informed change."

"This is not just a single event, but the start of a new process of continuing education and way of looking at this issue," said Tom Regehr, executive director of the CAST Projects, who has been facilitating listening sessions in the county. "It's an exciting and novel idea happening right here in Haliburton County. 'Coming Full Circle' represents the creation of a complete circle that includes the voice of those reaching out, those still suffering who do not normally have a voice, creating a healthy, interactive relationship with residents and service providers."

The larger project aims to empower and engage Haliburton County residents experiencing substance use and/or mental health challenges to support each other and provide feedback to improve local service systems. Service providers will be impacted by the co-creation of improved services through receiving local grassroots advice from individuals who need the services most.

Registration for this virtual event is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County. You can register at www.pointintime.ca/events.

Submitted



Highlands art tour astounds

Sue Gutteridge looks at pottery made by April Gates of Blackbird Pottery during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour on Sunday, Oct. 2. Nearly 40 artists are participating in the two-weekend-long Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour of art studios around the county featuring glass artists, jewelers, painters, potters, metalsmiths, textile artists, woodworkers, and more. The tour continues this weekend. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Metal sculpture artist Scott Childs, right, explains his piece to a visitor during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 1. Childs is one of nearly 40 artists on the two-weekend-long tour of art studios.



Scott Childs' metal sculpture, "Listening Head," is on display at his home and can be seen during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.



Lia Howe is a stained glass artist and glassblower with a studio on Gelert Road and is part of the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.



It is abstract painter Max Kalinowski's second time on the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.

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Haliburton County bands want new members

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Musicians in the Haliburton Highlands have a compilation of euphonious bands to choose to join in harmony with.

If you play an instrument, the Highlands Swing Band, Highlands Chamber Orchestra, Highlands Wind Symphony, and the Highlands Concert Band would like to welcome you to join them in their weekly practices of a wide variety of music from classical, musicals, to movie scores.

"We are welcoming anyone who plays an instrument or instruments to come out and have some fun," said Lorie Reddering, co-conductor of Highlands Wind Symphony and former music teacher at both JD Hodgson and Archie Stouffer Elementary Schools.

Each band is accepting new members of any age, and encourage youth and young adults to come out as well.

"There are no instrumental music program in our local schools this year other than guitar class in the high school, so it would be great to have young people come out to play with us since they aren't able to at school," Reddering said.

The groups practice with COVID-19 safety as a top priority in both Lakeside Baptist Church and the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

There is no fee to be part of any of the bands.

Christmas concerts are performed each year, and these groups have been making the Highlands alive with the sound of music for close to 30 years. The Highlands Concert Band is conducted by Glen Carter, the Highlands Orchestra and Highlands Swing Band are conducted by Dan Manley, and the Highlands Wind Symphony is conducted by Carter, Manley, and Reddering.

A clarinet player focuses on her sheet music during the Highlands Concert Band practice on Friday, Sept. 23 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton.



A percussionist loudly crashes the symbols during the Highlands Concert Band practice on Friday, Sept. 23.

If you are interested in joining one of the local instrumental bands, contact l.reddering@gmail.com, glencarter1079@gmail.com, or daniel@manley.name.

"Music is important in people's lives. It's so fun to get together and create beautiful music in a room of others who love it as much as you do," Reddering said.

The Highlands Concert Band practiced before getting into playing their first song on Friday, Sept. 23 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Remembering Anthony

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In the days before the big storm, Fiona hit the East Coast. Greg and Cheryl Cooper toured Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They traveled by car and by ferry, which led them to the Cabot Trail, the Anne Shirley tour, then to the Louisberg fortress, and Halifax, all done in mostly in good weather.

Doug and Bev Moss hunkered down in their PEI home while Fiona shrieked around them throughout a few days of battering winds. While their home escaped injury, the surrounding cherry and apple trees were uprooted.

In the past few days I've had the unexpected and most welcome visit from David (Pequegnot) Boice of Bowmanville. Our acquaintanceship goes back to the early 1950s, and his sister Beth Chambers has always been like a sister to me, and David, like a brother. A marvellous

guest. David brought food, clothing he'd designed and made, clippings from the *Echo* of mutual interest, and a painting done as a student at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Many memories to recount and much to appreciate and treasure.

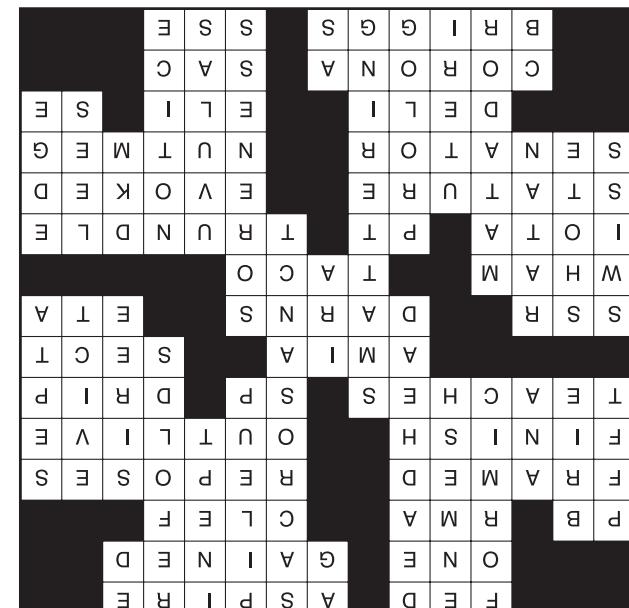
Under the tented auditorium at Abbey Gardens on Sept. 22, a memorial service was offered for Anthony Micallef, foster child of George and Sylvia Claridge, who adopted him at two. He lived until 31, and despite his challenges he achieved happiness. He excelled academically and then established himself professionally in engineering. He graduated with a masters and was an entrepreneur.

Another achievement was the Muskoka Woods houses built for use for physically challenged persons, which included innovative design features to assist them.

At St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton he had contributed as a reader when Reverend Christopher Greaves was our beloved rector. Christopher returned and spoke about Anthony during the service to the many who rejoiced in his life, which ended suddenly.

Our other surprise visitor was Lynn Bradley of Ottawa, who was here to join the Studio Tour. Lynn is the niece of Earl, daughter of Evelyn Bradley of Thunder Bay.

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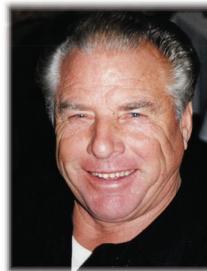
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Marsh Dudman in his 90th year was the beloved husband of the late Goldie Dudman 2010 (nee Billings) of Burnt River. Loving father of Penny Goodhand of Baddow, Malcolm and his wife Patti of Burnt River, Ed and his wife Karen of Fenelon Falls, Brenda Dudman and her husband Dan Swinson of Kinmount. Predeceased by his son in law Jim Goodhand. Devoted grandfather of Anthony, Curtis (Kayla), Amy (Dan), Jill (Craig), and their children Noah, Isla, and Hayes; Beth and her daughter Lola; Jen (Patrick), Amanda (Jason) and their son Bentley; Matt (Jess) and their daughter Indiana; Nathaniel, Britgitte, Toshia. Dear brother of Carol West and her husband the late Bill West, and the late Myron Dudman and Jean Welburn. Remembered by his brother-in-law David Billings and his wife Margaret Ann and by many nieces and nephews. A public graveside service will take place at Burnt River Cemetery on Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. A celebration of Marsh's life will take place at Burnt River Community Centre, 16 Somerville Road, Burnt River, on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with words of remembrance at 2:00 p.m. Memorial donations to Hospital for Sick Children or Peterborough Regional Health Centre would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences, memorial donations or to light a memorial candle please visit www.jardinefuneralhome.com.

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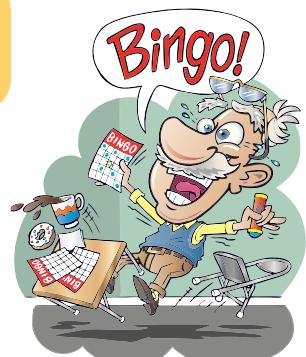
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OLD-FASHIONED FUN:

It took Erin Nicholson and Alex and Sarah McMaster five minutes to neatly rake some backyard leaves into a pile - and then two

seconds to create chaos by getting into an old-fashioned leaf fight. Luckily, the leaves provided a handy cushion when they needed a rest from their autumn antics.

Earthquake, tornado warning rattle Highlanders

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

From an earthquake to a threat of tornado, Highlanders had to cope with a lot of Mother Nature's whims over the weekend.

Around four o'clock on Friday afternoon, quite a few Highlanders perceived that the earth truly was moving even though they weren't going anywhere.

"I was sitting on a chair in our bedroom and beside it there's a shelf with dishes on it. First I felt the movement and then the dishes rattled," says Lenore Gillespie of Kashaga Drive just outside of Haliburton village. "My husband Hadden felt it, too."

"It was quite a surprise. You think it couldn't be an earth-

quake but there hadn't been thunder and lightning so it couldn't have been anything else."

Maruja Carpintero was home alone on Drag Lake when it

sounded like someone was walking up her stairs. When the curtain started to shake, "it was really scary."

Yet when she rushed outside to ask people nearby whether

they had felt anything, "they didn't believe me."

(Here at *The Echo* we have to admit to a similar shortcoming

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Maple trees suffering after a dry summer

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

This past summer, the maple trees suffered while the human inhabitants of the Highlands revelled in the continuous days of beautiful sunshine.

Now that it's autumn, people are starting to realize the consequences of their sun worship. Autumn's spectacular show of colour will not be earning a standing ovation from the awe-

struck crowd of people driving along the Highlands' back roads.

Not only did the maples put on their fall coats of colour a little early, but the colours are somewhat muted, flat, and the leaves are falling off earlier than usual. (Saturday night's heavy windstorm didn't help.)

The maples are not enjoying this turn of events, however. Their diminished brightness is a sign that they're under stress,

and if they get another dry year like this one, next year's result could be far more serious than dull autumn colours, says a forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"These are the early signs of hardwood decline," says Peter Hynard, pointing to a maple tree behind the Minden office which is bald but colourful on top, a sign of dieback. "The trees can recover but we'll need a

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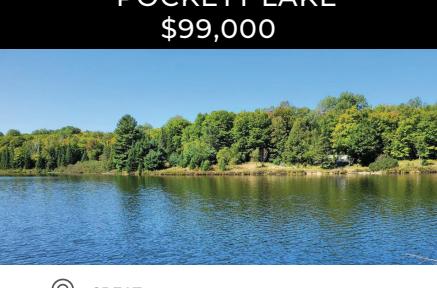
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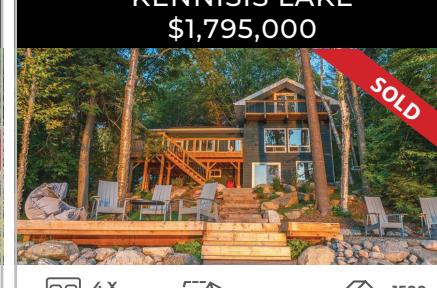
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